

# Personal News and Gossip of the Government Departments

## Government Printing Office

While discussing Government Printing Office affairs yesterday, one of the older employees of the big shop digressed a bit. "I was just thinking how many of the men of the Government Printing Office have graduated from the big departments," he said. "Take, for instance, the Department of Commerce and Labor, which is only one of many examples. Raymond P. Crist is one of the special agents appointed by Secretary Metcalf to investigate trade conditions in foreign countries. I saw in the newspapers not long ago that he was in China, and now he is in South Africa. He left the Government Printing Office three years ago to become stenographer in the disbursing office of the Department of Commerce and Labor, then newly organized. When Mr. Metcalf succeeded Mr. Cortelyou, Crist made quite a bit of the new head of the department, and last year was made a special agent.

"Then there's the chief of the division of printing, Dr. George C. Havenner. Up to four years ago he was a proof-reader and reviser in the Government Printing Office. Then he went up to the Bureau of Statistics, and when a good man was wanted to run the publishing end of the department, Mr. Cortelyou chose him. It was a good choice. He knows the business of Government publishing from the cellar right up to the roof, or if you like it better, from the paper mill and composing room to the reader. He's made a study of it, and has worked at it besides for upward of twenty years, and I suppose is better informed on Government publication work than any other man in department life.

"The assistant disbursing officer of the Department of Commerce and Labor is another Government Printing Office alumnus—George Johannus. Johannus first entered the printing office as a messenger boy, and was later transferred to the clerical force. In 1904, he went into the new department.

"Of course, I could make a list a yard long if I wanted to go into other departments. But right in the office of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor there are some more. The chief editorial clerk and critic in the division of printing is Herbert H. Pierce, who served a term of 10 years at a Government case. Alongside him is Dan C. Vaughan, one of the Government Printing Office copy preparers up to a year ago, and now an editor. Charles Graff, proof-reader and reviser, J. L. Nuber, requisition clerk and bookkeeper, and a paper expert, and Roy M. Paddock, a stenographer and typewriter, are all three from the big shop.

"Right in the same building, but in the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, is Samuel Jacob, for years in the Government Printing Office, while John T. Harper, of the print shop, is

in the same bureau, but stationed in Philadelphia.

"Now, I've heard college men point to graduates that have won their way in the world as evidence of the way their alma mater trains them. I'm an alumnus of the Government Printing Office, and whenever I hear people handing out knocks on my alma mater, as a lot of people seem to be doing just now, it's considerable pleasure to me to look around in this little departmental world of ours, and point out my fellow alumni who have 'made good.'"

### Santa Claus' Annual Visit.

Santa Claus made his appearance in the different divisions last week and distributed thousands of dollars in Christmas cheer. Properly speaking, the event was the annual distribution of the pro rata dividends of the various relief associations in the G. P. O. who drew no sick benefits during the year pocketed a tidy sum of money as their reward for not getting sick, and to say that it does come in mighty handy just now is not stretching it a bit. There are a half dozen or more of these relief societies in the G. P. O. Each association pays \$10 weekly benefit to sick members in good standing, the limit being six weeks. The Mutual, the pioneer, from which the others are practically offshoots, returns about \$8 to each member, who must not be a member of more than two other associations, and this requirement is, of course, the same in all, and the dues are the same—\$1 per month.

The Columbia pays approximately \$8. In the job room flourish three relief societies, known as Nos. 1 and 2, and the Franklin, named in honor of the great printer of olden times. The first two return \$8.75 and \$8.50, respectively, and the Franklin, the banner association of them all, declared a fat surplus of \$10.75 ready to hand out to the worthy. The Friendship, with dues half the amount of the others, but paying the same benefits, whose membership comprises all parts of the building, has had a rather unfortunate year, and the secretary has had to do some high financing in order to avoid levying an assessment to pay expenses.

In the bindery department many of the ladies of the folding room have for some years designated one of their number as banker, with whom they each deposit \$2 monthly, which in turn is deposited in a local building association. At compound interest the sum total at the end of twelve months is \$25—more Christmas joy—and so the good work goes on, and everybody interested is happy.

### Resignation of W. T. Talbot.

William Tipton Talbot, well known at the printery and elsewhere as a versatile writer, sent in his resignation Wednesday evening, and will in the future

guide the destiny of the Trades Unionist, a local weekly publication having considerable circulation in the G. P. O. and among labor people in general. Mr. Talbot came to the office about ten years ago, and at the time of his resignation had been recently transferred to the job division. The new editor has no radical change in prospect in the conduct of the paper, but proposes to enlarge the same and widen the scope of its usefulness in various ways.

Mr. Talbot is a good printer and a forceful writer, and success is predicted for him in his chosen field. T. M. Ring, one of the present proprietors, retains his present interest in the business.

### Personal Mention.

Patrick Reilly, leather parer in the bindery, has become possessor of a pretty home in the Bloomingdale section. Mr. Reilly is a veteran soldier, having seen over thirty years' service out among Indians on the Western plains, and numbers among his friends General Miles, Buffalo Bill, and other celebrities.

Miss Josie Myers, of the District of Columbia, has received a temporary appointment as press feeder on the seventh floor.

Edwin L. Howes, job printer, has the sympathy of his associates in the recent death of his mother.

Daniel N. Klapp and George Kauffman have resumed work in the job division after absence on account of illness.

Oscar Mayo, from Maine, is job printing now, having been promoted last week to the Jackson alley wing of the seventh floor.

Mrs. Cora B. Fagan, of the folding room, having sold her residence on North Capitol street, has removed to apartments on Fairmount avenue, Mt. Pleasant.

John J. Kelly, for many years a pressman in the main press room, has been promoted to the position of assistant to Foreman D. J. O'Leary, of the main press room, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, succeeding C. J. Lucy, resigned. Mr. Lucy has located permanently in California.

Walter Oliver succeeds to the position of assistant foreman in the bindery made vacant by the resignation of Charles J. Fuhrmann, who retired last week to engage in business. Mr. Oliver will have charge of the tablet division under Foreman William C. Connor.

Lieut. D. A. Babcock, of the watch force in the old building, has been confined to his home during the past week with a severe case of tonsillitis. He is now somewhat improved.

Marvin, son of John A. Phillips, of the main proof room, sustained serious injuries in a gasoline explosion in a



Chief Clerk Ludlow, of the Treasury Department, left Friday evening for Geneva, N. Y., on official business connected with the department.

Miss Julia H. Hoffman, who has been connected with the public school system of Porto Rico, has been appointed a clerk at \$800 upon certification of the Civil Service Commission, and assigned to duty in the office of auditor of the Interior Department.

Miss Marie Nelson, of the mail and files division, Secretary's office, has been confined to her home for the past ten days by illness.

James F. Armstrong, of Alabama, has been given a promotion from \$600 to \$1,000 per annum.

George G. Hendrickson, a clerk in the office of the auditor for Interior, died suddenly last week after a short illness.

### Orders, Revenue Cutter Service.

Second Lieut. G. E. Wilcox, granted twenty days' leave.

Second Assistant Engineer George Elm-

abulating machine shop on Thirty-first street northwest, where he was employed, and has been confined at Georgetown Hospital for the past week. The boy's face, arms, back, and hands were crissed.

The fifth division has done a large volume of document work during the past week, the force being worked until 9 o'clock at night on this class of work. The proof room and several other divisions have likewise felt the pressure for Congressional printing and have been compelled to do a great deal of overtime work.

The sixth division day, which this year is again under the competent charge of Charles B. Buchanan, is one of the busiest spots in the office. Besides speeches intended for the Congressional Record, the sixth does a lot of miscellaneous work, the large battery of linotype machines being constantly employed.

Edward S. Moores, acting chief of the inspection division, who is believed to be slated for the place permanently, is one of the competent young men in the office that has been able to render valuable assistance to Public Printer Still-

man since he assumed charge of the office. Mr. Moores is a member of the Washington bar, and has the training necessary to fit him for the duties of the inspection division. He is well posted on the workings of the big shop, having worked in nearly all the divisions

ers, orders of November 23 amended, so as to direct him to join the Woodbury at Portland, Me.

Third Lieut. R. C. Weightman, granted thirty days' leave with permission to apply for an extension of ten days.

Constructor J. Q. Walton, directed to proceed to Baltimore, Md., and test gasoline engine for launch of Apache.

First Assistant Engineer H. A. Minor, detached from the Arcata and ordered to resume sick leave at San Diego, Cal.

First Assistant Engineer L. J. Ker, ordered to the Arcata for temporary duty on that vessel.

Third Lieut. G. W. Kleinberg, granted twenty days' leave en route under orders of November 22.

First Assistant Engineer Q. S. Newman, orders of November 9 amended so as to direct him to join the Onondaga at Norfolk, Va.

Capt. W. E. Reynolds, directed to proceed to Washington and report at the department on official business.

Capt. E. C. Chaytor, detached from the Morrill, ordered to his home, and granted fifty-one days' leave.

Second Lieut. J. L. Maher, granted twenty days' leave en route under orders of November 22.

during his service of several years. Mr. Moores' advancement has been rapid under the new administration, and his friends are delighted that he is making good.

George W. Stephens, a helper in the hydraulic press division, resigned Monday and returned to his former home in Kentucky.

Henry Frank, clerk in the division of supplies, returned during the week from a vacation, having spent some time in Urbana and Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa.

James M. McDaniel, of the bill section of the folding room, left during the week to spend the Christmas holidays in Greenville, S. C.

Miss Johnson has been transferred from the gold room of the bindery to the folding room of the night Record.

John Wasson, of the watch force, has been at home during the past week, ill.

George Gladman, of the watch force, is taking fifteen days' leave, and is hunting and fishing at desirable points in Maryland and Virginia.

Louis H. Myers, who has been employed in Foreman Penick's division of the bindery, resigned on Wednesday. He is well known as a member of the old Cincinnati team of ball players.

Joseph L. Motyka, bookbinder, has resigned his position in the printery and accepted a similar position in the Bu-

## DISTRICT BUILDING.

A cordial welcome awaited Louis C. Wilson, formerly private secretary to District Commissioner West, on Friday when he entered upon his new duties as first assistant assessor, the position made vacant by the death of T. Fred Alvey. When the young official entered the Assessor's office he found his new desk buried in flowers, the gift of the clerks over whom Mr. Wilson will in the future act as directing official. He gracefully responded, expressing himself as gratified at the show of good-will.

Mr. Wilson was presented formally to the clerks in the office by James T. Petty, assistant assessor, and a committee of ladies, composed of Mrs. H. R. Hall, Mrs. J. L. Davidson, Mrs. K. C. Berry, and Miss Evans, welcomed the incoming official on behalf of their number.

Mr. Wilson enters his new berth, which is regarded as one of the most important in the District, with the good wishes of many.

### Dinner for Darnelle.

Disbursing Officer Charles C. Rogers will give a farewell dinner to Assessor Hopewell Darnelle at a date to be set soon after that popular official retires from office January 1. The party will include the four representatives of the local newspapers at the District building.

### Mr. Bardroff Sings Well.

John Bardroff, of the Water Registrar's office, is a singer of ability. He possesses an unusually fine baritone voice, and in consequence his services are much in demand among his friends.

reau of Engraving and Printing. Mr. Motyka came to Washington from Chicago, and has made many friends in the printery who wish him well in his new position.

Mrs. Emma Fisher, of the sewing room in the bindery, is still at the hospital undergoing treatment for her eyes, which are said to have shown improvement.

Miss Ella McCristar, of the bindery sewing room, has returned to her position after a short illness.

Mrs. M. E. Eggleston, of the bindery sewing room, is again at work after a short illness.

A. N. Jones, of the bindery, has been detained at home during the week on account of the illness of his wife and children.

At the recent annual election of officers of Phil Sheridan Post, No. 14, G. A. R., the printery captured a number of places. H. F. J. Drake was made adjutant, John D. Russell and John R. McBride, trustees, and J. R. McKelvey and B. W. Bonney, delegates to the department encampment.

Capt. Henry Foster, of the hydraulic press division, a civil and Spanish war veteran, was recently elected vice com-

Mr. Bardroff has had several good professional offers, but declines to forsake the simple life for the grease paint and tinsel of the footlights.

### Sympathy for Mr. Hand.

Friends of Myers Hand, formerly of the District Electrical Department, express sincere regret at the news of the death of his sister, Miss Bertha Hand, of Smyrna, Del. Miss Hand went to Delaware several months ago in hope of regaining her failing health, but after a lingering illness died. She was formerly a teacher in the public schools of Baltimore, and had many friends in this city.

### Notes and Personals.

On the recommendation of Superintendent of Insurance Thomas E. Drake, the Commissioners have appointed Orion L. Kennedy a temporary clerk in the Insurance Department.

By the resignation of Theodore N. Gill, of the Surveyor's office, Ludwig Lindenkohl has been appointed a clerk in that department at a salary of \$775 per annum.

The recent promotions in the office of the Engineer of Highways include W. J. Knight, rodman, from \$780 a year to \$3 a day, and G. L. Quinn from \$2.25 a day to the annual rolls at \$780 a year.

Lloyd P. Coleman, of the office of Superintendent of Repairs, has been promoted to a clerkship at \$2 a day, the promotion to date from December 15.

mander of Lafayette Post, No. 20, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.

C. Edmonde La Vigne and Leo Rullman, composers in the printery, were made members of the executive committee of the recent election of officers of the Wisconsin Association of the Disabled.

Electrotypers' Union, No. 17, and the Foundry Relief Association have recently installed the following officers: George Chittaway, vice president; H. C. Poppe, secretary-treasurer; John Colman, sergeant at arms, and A. J. Williams, William Dougherty and M. J. Brown, executive committee; E. A. Lang and George Laughrey were made trustees. Relief Association—W. H. Parker, president; R. L. Christian, vice president; and Elmer Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

The funeral of James Shannon, assistant foreman of the foundry, whose sudden demise came as a shock to his friends, was held from his late residence, 825 North Capitol street, on Tuesday morning. Mr. Shannon was born in Boston forty-two years ago, and had been employed in the Printing Office for the past twenty years. He was a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus and the National Guard of the District of Columbia.

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